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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Communication of August 7, 2002, please make the Amendment and election below.

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 remain in this application.

Response to Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has divided the claims of the present application into Groups I-XVI. Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I (claims 1-3, 21, and 22) with traverse. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the restriction requirement in the above-referenced matter on the grounds that the examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden (MPEP 803). The Examiner's attention is drawn by way of example, to lack of serious burden in searching groups I, II together, which differ with respect to substituent